

Forest Policy PhD (or MS) Research Assistantship
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

Revised and Reissued Announcement

In October 2006, we circulated an announcement for two graduate assistantships (one PhD and one Master of Science). In January 2007, we hired a Master of Science graduate assistant. We are still seeking a well-qualified PhD candidate to begin in June 2007 or August 2007. In the event we can not find a PhD candidate, we will consider an exceptionally well-qualified MS candidate.

The successful candidate will expand and update databases and conduct research analyzing USDA Forest Service land management legal cases. This is a unique opportunity to work on a project with significant publication opportunities and to develop quantitative and/or qualitative research based on this project tailored to a candidate's interests, including the development of predictive quantitative models.

Qualifications: *PhD candidates* must have a JD degree or a MS degree in forest policy, natural resources policy, political science, public administration, or a related field. *MS candidates* must have a: 1) JD or professional masters degree, or 2) a bachelors degree in forestry, natural resources, environmental studies, political science, public affairs, or a related field.

All applicants must have a strong interest in US forest and natural resources policy, an outstanding GPA, and excellent GRE scores. International applicants, whose native language is not English, must have TOEFL scores of at least 660. Preference will be given to candidates with (in order of desirability): 1) natural resources policy or legal work experience, 2) experience analyzing legal issues and cases, 3) database (e.g., Microsoft Access) management, 4) quantitative analysis (e.g., SPSS) skills, and 5) significant website design skills.

Applications: Applicants must apply for admission to SUNY ESF. However, before applying applicants are *strongly* encouraged to email or mail a one page letter of interest, that details: 1) undergraduate and graduate GPAs, 2) GRE (and, if appropriate, TOEFL) scores, 3) work experience and other preferred skills, and 4) forest and/or natural resource policy research interests *and* how those interests relate to this assistantship, to:

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Review of letters of interest will begin on March 1, 2007. However, letters will be accepted until the assistantship is filled. Highly qualified potential candidates will be asked for additional information and eventually encouraged to apply for admission to SUNY ESF.

Assistantships include tuition waiver, medical benefits, a stipend (PhD = \$16,000 and MS = \$12,000), and other State University of New York Graduate Assistantship benefits.

Additional information is available at www.esf.edu/for/faculty/malmshemer.htm.